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Parowan Iron Co Utah Ty.
Sep. 9 1880

Mrs J. E. H. Haines

Dear Madam:

Today I hav taken a very important steb for the advancement of our mission work in this town. I hav agreed to purchase a property. In it I wil hav a room that wil do for Ch. & school purposes for a long time, a room for a reading roome & a home for the Pastor, besides a barne, a shop & water power & 4½ acres of land. When we want to build the land shop & Water power can be sold to furnish a large part of the meane. I secured it at a bargain as the owner

was desirous of leaving the town & Mormondom. For it I have agreed to pay $1000
My bargain is to pay $300 within six mths & if I can pay it all by Jan 1 I will have to pay no interest. If not will have to pay 10% interest on the $500 from date. To fit the house up for school & ch purposes it will cost from $150 to $175.
Thus I will need $675 immediately. I am going to work Mon. on fitting it up. so as to have school commence by the 27th. By the time a teacher will be on the ground. I have taken this risk believing that you & the Ch. Erection Board will come to my aid. If not it will involve me in a great difficulty & interfere very much with the work. With the $450 for fuel light stoves & lamps it will equal $725 which I must have by Oct 15 at the latest. I feel confident that you will come to my rescue. If no other way as possible will you not borrow it & send it by return mail. The case is urgent. Please do not fail to help me immediately.

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Parowan Iron Co Utah Ty
Sept 1878 1880

Sec. W. Ex Com. of H Missions.

Dear Madam:

From what I hav heard this wk. I fear that the Bd of Ch Erection cannot give me aid as there is no regularly organized Ch here. If this is true my entire dependance is upon you. I hav this property on my hands. It is a bargain. The Ch now needs it & you must hav some property if work is to be carried on here. As I stated in my last our needs are as follows $500 to buy on property $150 to make repairs $50 for fuel lights lamps & stoves = $700 to $725. I am out for my seats & for desks & benches $30,70 I wil donate this $30 to the work if the rest comes in time to

secure this property. It would interfere very much with the success of the work & limit my influence if I am not able to come up to my agreement. Will you not borrow $700 as I can manage to get along on that amount, as soon as you rec. this, if you have not already done so? I write again to try & impress upon your minds more fully the urgency of my case & the position in which I now stand. Two teachers will be on the field next wk. By my taking this step I will have a fine room for them to begin teaching in as soon as they come, if I had not bargained for this property there would have been no sufficiently large room to begin in.

Excuse my urgency & my frequent letters. I know that your position is a trying one & that you must be governed by your income but I believe that in this case it will warrant your running into debt.

I have faith that the Lord will prosper his cause here if we use the proper means in the right way. May his richest blessing rest upon your work

Yours fraternally W.H. Lee Cort.

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P.S. Would you be so kind as to find out & inform me whether the funds used in purchasing the organ were taken from the general funds or did persons especially send them for this purpose. I made a special appeal to 5 or 6 different churches for this purpose & I would like to know whether I was successful & also to write & thank them for it. If I was successful it will encourage me to try again.

We have much to be thankful for in our work here. Thus far anything that we want at we have to do is to ask for it & it is sure to come.

W. C. Cort.

Rec'd Nov 15 1880
Ans. Nov 17/80

Rev W. C. Cook
Parowan Utah
$75 00

135 Book Notice
Ans. and Rd 11.29/80

Parowan Utah Ty
Nov 13 1880

Mrs Haines

Dear Madam

Recd. yesterday $7.5 from Mrs Boyd Treas. of the W. Exp. Comit. Many thanks. It helps very much. Am now out only about $30 or $35 but will need $25 more which will still increase your indebtedness to me.

The school is increasing & promises for more. Will begin Night school in about a wk.

Yours fraternally

M. C. Cook.

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I have many things to encourage me in the work here & nothing discouraging. I think that I will need a teacher for Cedar City by Dec or Jan. Will let you know soon. At present am pushing this point up thoroughly. Please consult with Bro Wilson of the Ch. Erection Board & send one in at immediately $125 & this will pay the property in full fit it up & pay all necessary expenses until April. If you cannot send it all please send the $725 between you & the Ch. Erection Board without fail.

Yours in the Master's Work

W. M. Lambert

William C. Cort
1881 - Jany.

Rev. W. C. Cort -
Territorial Address on or - p
Have a fine time & Return in
a few days. Come here for quotes
and in fact about Page.

Beaver Utah Ty
Jan 1. 1881
and again 2.7/81

Mrs Haines

Dear Madam:

Your last reed. this morning. It finds me on a sick bed. 5 wks ago I met with a serious accident loosing thumb 3 fingers & a part of my left hand Have suffered very much. Write this propped up in bed.

Some of the churches that have promised to aid us would prefer to send the money direct to me. Have only reed. thus far from chs. $28.

Of the $1175 reed. from New York for our work all but $75 has come from Bd of Ch. Erection. Is not this

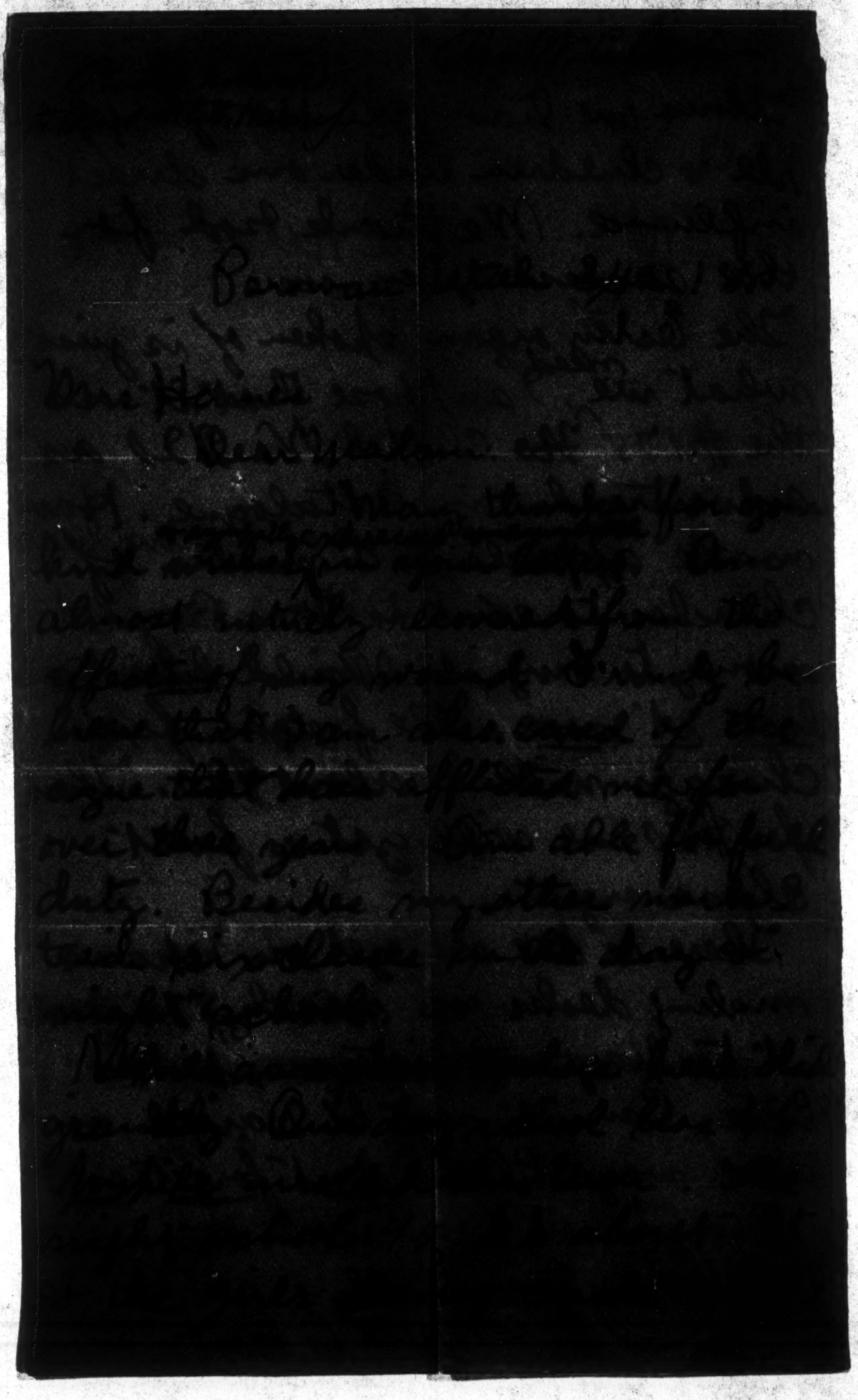
the case. If so the W. Ex Com'l. are not out of pocket very much.

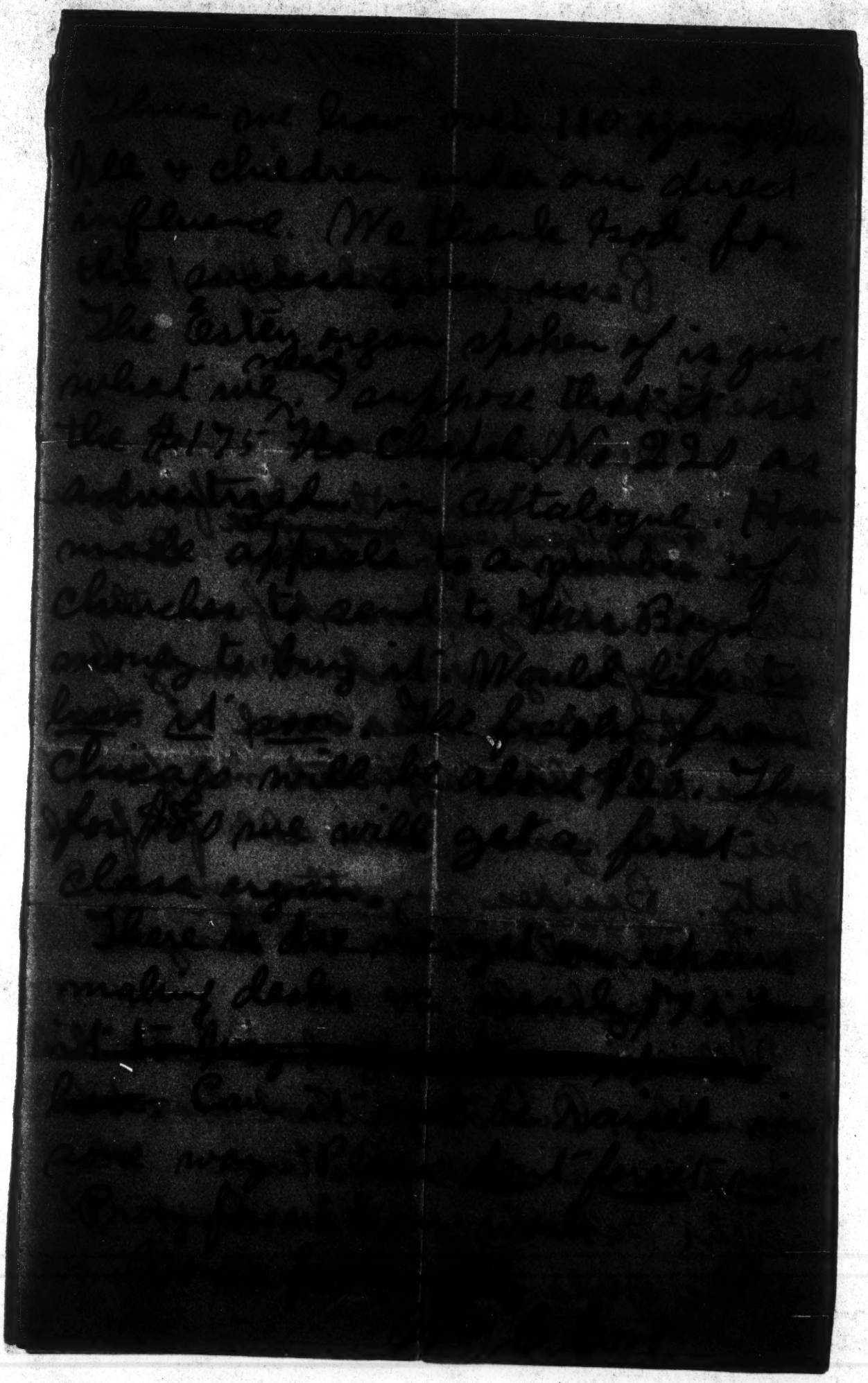
Our future or present needs, I should rather say, for Parowan are $50 to $75 to pay debts. $75 to $100 for an organ & $125 to $150 for repairs which are very much needed. Now I am making appeals to a few chs. to help buy an organ. Should this go thru Mrs Be hands. If so will she not appropriate it to refund what she has paid us?

In future will of course do as you say, but feel that it is a needless circumlocution. I find that my appeals for help meet with more promises to pay than the cash. Still live in hopes

Yours fraternally

Wm. C. Cort.





Wm. H. Cort

Parowan, Utah Feb. 12th/07.

Mrs. Haines

Dear Madam,

Many thanks for your kind wishes & sympathy expressed in your letter. Am almost entirely recovered from the effects of my wound. Firmly believe that I am also cured of the Ague that has afflicted me for over three years. Am able for full duty. Besides my other work I teach six classes in the day & night school.

While away our teachers here did grandly. Our day school has 93 pupils enrolled this term. The night school 45, C. C. about 35 & the Girls' sewing circle over 40. Thus we have over 210 young people & children under our direct influence.

We thank God for the success given us.

The Easley organ spoken of is just what we need. I suppose that it is the $175- Chapel No. 220 as advertised in Catalogue. Have made appeals to a number of churches & Sund. to Mrs. Boyd money to buy it. Would like to have it soon. The freight from Chicago will be about $20. Thus for $195 we will get a first class organ. There is due me yet on repairs, making dues we nearly $75. Can it not be raised in some way. Please dont forget me.

Pray for us & our work

Yours fraternally Wm. H. Cort.

Rev. Wm C. Cort
1881 Parowan, Utah

Letter Rev. W. C. Cort
about Organ
& money needed
Feb. /81
Please return to
Mrs. F. E. H. Hamlin

Rev W. C. Cook—
Organ Parowan
Iron Co
Utah

Parowan Iron Co. Utah Ty.
Mar 25 1881

Mrs Haines

Dear Madam:—

Your kind letter recd. Am now almost fully recovered from the effects of my wound.

My little girl is nearly three years old. Her name is Mabel. She has been very sick again. She has had an attack of the lung fever. Expect my sister to bring her out to me during May if the child is able to stand the trip.

The work is progressing finely. Second term of school closes today. Next begins Apr 4.

Have written to a number of churches & individuals soliciting funds to buy an organ. Have them all instructions to send the money to Mrs Boyd. We need the organ very much. My sister is a good organist & by playing & giving lessons she can reach many of the Mormon girls.

Please buy the organ & have it forwarded as soon as possible. The chapel organ No 220 Estey is the one that we should prefer.

If you have the money please prepay the freight to Salt Lake City. I will arrange for the rest.

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May, 1881

Parowan Iron Co. Utah 5/19/81

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Dear Madam:- The Organ has come. We had no notice of it & had no idea that it would come so soon. We are very thankful for it. When my sister comes it will help our work so much. She has not started owing to the continued illness of my little three yr. old girl. She has the consumption & I have no hopes of ever seeing her again. She only remains to me & it is hard to part but the Lord knows best.

The freight on the organ amounted to $23.80. I cannot afford to pay it all but if the W. Ex Coutt will send me $20 I will call it paid.

A mission band of boys of the Pres. Ch. at Avondale Cincinnati raised $30 to build a pair of outside stairs to our Chapel which is very much needed. They sent it to Mrs Boyd fully a mo. ago & I have not recd it yet. I cannot imagine why unless it has been put in with the general funds..... Our work is not gaining very fast owing to the more than usual opposition of the Mormons Altho it is doing well under the circumstances.

I am so thankful for the aid of more than usually efficient teachers. Misses Smally & Canning cannot be excelled in the school room.

If the freight on the organ was pre-paid I had to pay it over again which me often have to do out here.

Yours fraternally

Wm. le. Lont.